



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/917,870	07/31/2001	John L. Blair	J.BLAIR 2-4-1-4	2060

27964 7590 01/12/2006

HITT GAINES P.C.

P.O. BOX 832570

RICHARDSON, TX 75083

EXAMINER

DEANE JR, WILLIAM J

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

2642

DATE MAILED: 01/12/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

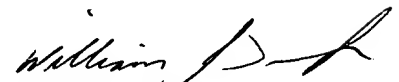
Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 10/26/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: many of the new limitations are not found in the drawings as stated by Applicant. Applicants were given a previous non-responsive amendment (inadvertent) requesting applicant specifically point out such new limitations in the specifications. Applicant responded that there is no obligation to do so. Applicant is directed to MPEP 714.02. Applicants dismissed the examiners request with pointing to Figs. 1 and 3. However, not all of the new claim language is found in Figs. 1 and 3. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is ⁵⁷¹(703) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number ⁵⁷¹(703) 273-8300.

09Jan2006


WILLIAM J. DEANE, JR.
PRIMARY EXAMINER